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**National and international standardization of geographical
names: names collection, office treatment, national
authorities, features beyond a single sovereignty and
international cooperation****The role of geographical name standardization in
maintaining cultural identity in Indonesia****Summary****

Indonesia is one of the largest archipelagic and culturally diverse countries. The cultural identity of Indonesia is maintained by many means, and geographical names are crucial among those. Many places are rich in history, culture and wisdom, and that richness is embedded in the names they bear. The standardization of geographical names plays a crucial role in keeping that intact. As modernization and globalization have taken their toll on many place names, it is necessary to raise awareness of the importance of original names and their underlying properties. The specific care Indonesia takes to maintain its identity, as reflected in its culture and values, by standardizing its geographical names will be described in the full paper.

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